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### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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	<ul> <li>(1) An Oath or Affirmation.</li> <li>(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Rep</li> <li>(n) A report describing any material inadeq</li> </ul>		nd to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'

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To the Members of Western Reserve Partners LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Western Reserve Partners LLC as of December 31, 2008, and the related statements of income, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Western Reserve Partners LLC as of December 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	DE0	CEMBER 31, 2008
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Income tax receivable Prepaid expenses Investments	\$	2,200,903 268,343 42,300 36,512 1,183,335
Property and equipment at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$141,844		171,776
Long-term receivable - related party		7,600
Other assets		7,914
	<u>\$</u>	3,918,683
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:    Accounts payable    Accrued expenses    Accrued payroll    Deferred revenue    Deferred rent TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	1,082 262,098 475,817 145,829 115,379 1,000,205
MEM ADED OF POLITEN		2,918,478
MEMBERS' EQUITY		4,710,770
	<u>\$</u>	3,918,683

## STATEMENT OF INCOME

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008
REVENUES	
Fees	\$ 5,103,274
Interest income	30,540
Other income	<u>70,795</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	5,204,609
EXPENSES	100
Employee compensation and benefits	1,671,199
Management fees	1,424,025
Referral and other client expenses	526,521
Occupancy and depreciation	381,805
Legal and professional fees	285,067
Dues and subscriptions	139,492
Communications and data processing	109,165
Other expenses	98,936
Repairs and maintenance	42,146
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,678,356
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	526,253
CITY INCOME TAXES	5,629
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 520,624</u>
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008							
	. —	Members' Equity Common Class A Units Units		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income			Total	
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$	4,142,949	\$	2,137,290	\$	(75,739)	\$	6,204,500
Redemption of Class A Units				(112,794)				(112,794)
Conversion to Common Units (effective 5/29/08)		2,024,496		(2,024,496)		-		-
Sale of Common Unit		112,794						112,794
Comprehensive income: Net income		520,624		-		-		520,624
Other comprehensive income: Unrealized losses on available for sale securities		-		-		(49,628)		(49,628)
Total comprehensive income								470,996
Distributions	-	(3,757,018)						(3,757,018)
Balance at December 31, 2008	<u>\$</u>	3,043,845	<u>\$</u>	-	<u>\$</u>	(125,367)	\$	2,918,478

 $See\ accompanying\ notes\ to\ financial\ statements.$ 

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## **INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH**

	YEA	OR THE IR ENDED EMBER 31, 2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$	520,624
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided		
by operating activities:		
Depreciation		69,506
Loss on sale/disposal of property and equipment		26,349
Investment received in lieu of cash		(251,000)
Deferred rent		35,063
Cash provided (used) by:		204552
Accounts receivable		394,753
Income tax receivable		(42,300)
Prepaid expenses		(4,676)
Accounts payable		(36)
Accrued expenses		(505,963)
Deferred revenue	_	16,662
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		258,982
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investments		(250,000)
Proceeds from sale of investments		550,000
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		8,000
Capital expenditures		(30,989)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		277,011
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Redemption of Class A Units		(112,794)
Sale of Common Unit		112,794
Cash distributions		(3,757,018)
NET CASH USED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(3,757,018)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(3,221,025)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	-	5,421,928
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	2,200,903
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION Cash paid during the year for income taxes	<u>\$</u>	79,929

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE A - Organization and nature of business

Western Reserve Partners LLC (the "Company") provides customized investment banking solutions for middle market companies. The Company is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Ohio and was incorporated on June 14, 2004. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

WRP Management, Inc. (WRP), a related party through common ownership of the majority member, is the Manager of the Company. WRP provides management services to the Company for which it earns a fee as defined in the agreements. During 2008, the Company paid to WRP management fees totaling \$1,424,025.

### NOTE B - Summary of significant accounting policies

### Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

### Revenue recognition

The Company's services are provided in accordance with signed contracts. The fees for the engagements are stated within the contracts and typically include both advance fees and success fees. The Company recognizes revenues from advance fees proportionally over the estimated life of the services. The success fees, which are typically contingent in nature, are recognized as revenue upon fulfillment of the services set forth in the contracts.

#### Concentration of credit risk

The Company maintains its cash balances in one financial institution located in Cleveland, Ohio. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000.

The Company's three largest customers accounted for approximately 41% of net revenue for the year-ended December 31, 2008. The Company performs periodic credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition but generally does not require collateral. There have been no credit losses to date.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had no other significant concentrations of risk.

### Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

In October 2008, the Company opened a money market account with AIM Investment Services, Inc. to diversify its cash holdings. The principal amount invested of \$1 million was held in a money market fund account backed primarily by securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its Agencies and instrumentalities.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE B - Summary of significant accounting policies, continued

#### Accounts receivable

The Company reports trade receivables at net realizable value. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts based on historical losses and current economic conditions. On a continuing basis, management analyzes delinquent receivables and, once these receivables are determined to be uncollectible, they are written off through a charge against an existing allowance account or against earnings.

#### Investments

The Company is invited from time to time to participate in investments resulting from transactions it helps complete. Any new investment opportunity is reviewed and approved by management prior to investing. Typically, these investments are private placement offerings and carried at cost.

The Company also received shares of DPAC common stock as partial payment for services rendered during 2006 and 2008. These shares have been classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair market value, with unrealized holding gains and losses included in other comprehensive income.

#### Other Comprehensive income

Other comprehensive income refers to revenues, expenses, gains and losses that under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States are included in comprehensive income but are excluded from net income as these amounts are recorded directly as an adjustment to members' equity. Accumulated other comprehensive income at December 31, 2008 consisted entirely of unrealized losses on the Company's available-for-sale securities.

### Property and equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31, 2008:

Automobile	\$ 18,508
Furniture and fixtures	97,668
Office equipment	163,472
Leasehold improvements	33,972
•	313,620
Less accumulated depreciation	 141,844
	\$ 171,776

The straight-line method is generally used to provide for depreciation over the estimated useful lives of the assets, primarily 5 years for automobiles, 7 years for furniture and fixtures, 3 or 5 years for computer equipment, and 10 years for leasehold improvements.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE B - Summary of significant accounting policies, continued

Allocation of profits and losses

Profits and losses of the Company, with the exception of special allocations, are essentially allocated to each member based on the ratio of their Common units to the total number of outstanding units.

#### Income taxes

The Company, with the consent of its members, has elected to be formed as a limited liability company. The operating agreement, construed under Ohio laws, states that the Company will be treated as a partnership for federal and state income tax purposes. In lieu of paying taxes at the company level, the members of a limited liability company are taxed on their proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. Therefore, no provision or liability for federal or state income taxes has been included in these financial statements.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### NOTE C - Line of credit

During 2008, the Company obtained a line of credit with a bank, with a borrowing limit of \$1,000,000. There were no borrowings on the line as of December 31, 2008. Interest is charged on any outstanding balances monthly at LIBOR (0.4% at December 31, 2008) plus 2.5%. The credit facility is secured by guarantees of the majority member of the Company, which is an LLC, and its members.

#### **NOTE D – Membership interests**

With the consent of its members, the Company converted all Class A units to Common units effective May 29, 2008. Two members elected not to convert and the Company exercised its Call Option to redeem their interest at the appraised value of the Company as of December 31, 2007. The Operating Agreement was restated and amended effective June 30, 2008 to reflect the change in membership interest and related matters. The Class A units (½ unit each) that the Company purchased were resold as one Common unit to a new member effective July 1, 2008.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE E – Fair value measurements

On December 31, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 defines fair value and provides guidance for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements, but rather applies to all other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements.

In February 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued a final Staff Position to allow a one-year deferral of adoption of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis. The Company has elected this one-year deferral and thus will not apply the provisions of SFAS 157 to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis until the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of applying SFAS 157 to nonfinancial assets and liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis. The FASB also amended SFAS 157 to exclude Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, Accounting for Leases, and its related interpretive accounting pronouncements that address leasing transactions and in October 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FAS 157-3, Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset Is Not Active, which clarified the application of SFAS 157 in a market that is not active and also provided an example to illustrate key considerations in determining the fair value of a financial asset when the market for that financial asset is not active. FSP FAS 157-3 did not have a significant effect upon the Company's adoption of SFAS 157.

SFAS 157 enables the reader of the financial statements to assess the inputs used to develop those measurements by establishing a hierarchy for ranking the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. SFAS 157 requires that assets and liabilities carried at fair value be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The Company's financial assets as of December 31, 2008 include available-for-sale investments and venture capital investments. The Company determines the fair values of the available for sale securities using quoted market prices. The fair values of the Company's venture capital investments were determined based on the investments expected future cash flows, an analysis of the Standard & Poor's Corporation market capital to total revenue valuation for the brokerage industry, and valuations of recent private placement offerings completed by these investments. The Company believes that these fair value determinations still follow appropriate methodology even given recent changes in the overall financial markets.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE E - Fair value measurements, continued

Fair values of assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	Fair V	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using					
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets/Liabilities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)			
Assets Available-for-sale securities Venture capital investments	\$ 35,468 1,147,867	\$ 35,468	\$ -	\$ - 			
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,183,335</u>	<u>\$ 35,468</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,147,867</u>			

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

	Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)				
Balance, January 1, 2008 Purchases Sales	\$ 1,246,867 451,000 (550,000)				
Balance, December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 1,147,867</u>				
The amount of total gains or losses (realized and unrealized) for the year ended December 31, 2008 included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date	<u>\$</u>				

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **NOTE F – Investments**

At December 31, 2008, investments consisted of the following:

InkStop, Inc.	\$	464,500
MAI Wealth Advisors LLC		533,367
Public Square Partners I LLC		150,000
DPAC Technologies, Inc.		35,468
	<u>\$</u>	1,183,335

In conjunction with its capital raising assignment, the Company made additional investments in InkStop, Inc. through its Series C Offering. The total investment made during 2008 was \$301,000: \$100,000 in January and \$201,000 in August. The latter investment was made in lieu of a cash payment for advisory services rendered. In September, the Company made an investment in a private placement offering of Public Square Partners I LLC (PSPI). This investment of \$150,000 represented 15% of the Company's total capital commitment to the co-investment fund. Simultaneously, the Company sold its holdings in A-D Conduit Holdings LLC (\$300,000) and Linx-Cimarron Energy Co-Invest, LLC (\$250,000) to PSPI at its cost. The Company also received compensation from the fund's manager, PSP Managers I LLC, for administrative support services rendered during 2008.

The Company also holds common stock in DPAC Technologies Corp (ticker: DPAC). In addition to the shares it has owned since 2006, the Company received more common stock during 2008 as partial payment of their advisory fee. The additional shares were originally valued at \$50,000. These shares are classified as available-for-sale and carried at fair market value.

The following is a summary of available-for-sale securities at December 31, 2008:

			U	Gross Inrealized			
Description of Assets	ts Cost			Loss	Fair Value		
DPAC Common Stock	\$	160,835	\$	(125,367)	\$	35,468	

Unrealized net holding losses on available-for-sale securities included as a separate component of members' equity totaled \$125,372 at December 31, 2008.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE G - Profit sharing plan

The Company has a 401(k) profit sharing plan that covers substantially all employees. Employees may elect to contribute pre-tax a portion of their pay up to limits established by the IRS. The Company is required to contribute 3% of the employees' base salary, regardless of the individual's participation. Profit sharing contributions to the plan are discretionary and determined by management based on the firm's financial performance in the calendar year. Total contributions to the plan were \$27,045 for the year ended December 31, 2008.

### NOTE H - Lease commitments

The Company leases office space and equipment under non-cancelable operating leases that expire at various dates through April 2014.

Rent expense for these operating leases totaled \$215,610 for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Future minimum lease payments under lease agreements as of December 31, 2008 are as follows:

2009	\$ 241,673
2010	268,397
2011	270,745
2012	274,890
2013	280,781
Thereafter	 94,248

**\$1,430,734** 

The office space lease agreement provides for escalating rent payments at various times during the lease term. Generally accepted accounting principles require that rent be recorded on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease. Accordingly, rent expense was increased by \$35,063 in 2008 to reflect rent expense on the straight-line basis. An aggregate difference of \$115,379 at December 31, 2008 has been recorded on the statement of financial condition relating to the difference between actual rent payments and the amount which would have been paid if payments were made on the straight-line basis.

#### NOTE I – Net capital requirements

As a member organization of the FINRA, the Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital rule 15c3-1 adopted by the SEC and administered by the FINRA, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. The Company's minimum net capital requirement as of December 31, 2008 was \$66,680. At December 31, 2008, the Company's net capital was \$1,130,557 and exceeded the minimum net capital requirement by \$1,063,877. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness at December 31, 2008 was 0.88 to 1.

Supplemental Information

## COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Total Members' Equity from Statement of Financial Condition	\$	2,918,478
Nonallowable assets: Accounts and income tax receivable Investments at cost Long-term receivable – related party Property and equipment-net of depreciation Other assets		310,643 1,147,867 7,600 171,776 44,426
Total nonallowable assets		1,682,312
Haircuts on securities: DPAC Stock (100%) Invesco/AIM MMA (7%)  Total haircuts on securities		35,468 70,141 105,609
Net Capital	\$	1,130,557
Net capital requirement (6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness)	<u>\$</u>	66,680
Excess net capital	\$	1,063,877
Total aggregate indebtedness	\$	1,000,205
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		88%

## Statement Pursuant to Paragraph (d)(4) Rule 17a-5

The above computation of net capital agrees with the corresponding computation prepared by the Company for inclusion on its Part II FOCUS Report filing as of December 31, 2008.

## STATEMENT REGARDING RULE 15c3-3

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

The Company is exempt from rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under paragraph (k)(2)(i) of that rule.

Supplementary Report



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

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To the Members of Western Reserve Partners LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Western Reserve Partners LLC (the Company), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
- 2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes.

Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2008, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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February 17, 2009 Akron, Ohio

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008